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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 22 to read as follows:

22. (Amended) The authoring system according to claim 21 wherein said authoring means performs authoring processing for an editing video programme from metadata indicating the logical structure of a video programme.

REMARKS

Claim 22 has been amended to correct the claim dependency. The filing fee has been calculated based upon this Preliminary Amendment. The attached is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made" and indicates the change that has been made to claim 22.

Respectfully submitted,

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